(vii) Inspections and enquaries are conducted on a regular basis of various intermediaries in the securities market.

(b) and (c) No such suggestion has been made by the Company Law Board to SEBI.

Reserved Constituencies

734. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on descheduling of a chunk of Scheduled Caste population with adoption of Buddhism by them, the number of reserved Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies were proportionately reduced in 1960s in different States, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether these neo-Buddhists have again veen recognised as Scheduled Castes belonging to respective castes during 1990s, thus considerably increasing the number of Scheduled Castes population; and

(c) whether in view of this considerable increase in Scheduled Castes Population with inclusion of neo-Buddhists amongst Scheduled Caste, Government have taken steps to increase the number of Reserved constituencies under article 330 and 952 of the Constitution of India; if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Neo-Buddhist were treated as belonging to Scheduled Castes in 1990 as per the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.

(c) In terms of the proviso under Article 330 of the Constitution, no change in the existing ratio of representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is called for until the relevant figures in the first census taken after the year 2000 have been published.

Reported unearthing of Rs. 42 crores scandal

735. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Rs. 42 crore scandal unearthed" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 22nd December, 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the investigations made in regard to this scandal indicating the modus operandi of the scandal and the persons involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Criminal cases have been registered by Central Bureau of Investigation, Special Crime Branch, Calcutta against Shri Pawan Kumar Ruia and others for alleged complicity in floating a large number of public limited companies through unscrupulous means with a view to facilitating laundering of black money into white. The CBI is still making investigation in the matter.

Mahila Courts in the Country

736. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: